Focus Group: Primary Schooling 1

22 September 2011

2.30-4.30pm

**Feedback**

**Data discussion**

* Data doesn’t tell us why children have these difficulties
* Would want more info on comprehension etc

**Key Questions Discussion**

What have been the key priorities in schooling in WMR?. What has worked /not worked?

* Focus on lit and numeracy
* Intro of coaching model and school coaches
* Every child every opportunity
* Explicit teaching
* Triangulated data with all teachers
* Gradual release model
* Prof learning across school
* Developing content knowledge
* Prin class and leadership teams more involved
* improved teacher capacity and knowledge
* Expectation of shared responsibility for learning
* Using data improved knowledge of students
* Coaches
* Principal felt accountable to region filtered down to classroom
* Numeracy intro of maths structure
* Increase in AIP
* Move from private to public practice
* Leadership more curriculum focused
* Data- improved use
* Way to go on differentiation and understanding of what it means and what it could look like
* data continuums

What should our priorities be for the next 3 years? How do we make it stick?

* Continual improvement for every student
* Teacher capacity
* Links between lit and numeracy
* Students to interpret and understand text
* Experiences for students
* Catering for individual needs
* Literacy &Numeracy: staff still need to develop content knowledge
* Link between VELS & Aus Vels
* Inquiry approach. Staff still need to build content knowledge
* Rich curriculum- content , process and plan

How can we best work on these priority areas together?

* Opportunities to provide time for everyone to work together
* Sharing, looking at data- whos doing what and well what can we learn from each other
* Continued focus and learning for Prin class
* Prin class continued involvement in curriculum
* Coaching
* Shadowing with consultants
* School based support /timetabling
* Capacity building of people who can work with PLTs
* eQuip- focused delivered PD
* if school coaches are going to get together who will organise them and provide PD